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Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 8 and ending on page 5, line 11 with the following amended paragraph:

That is, at this stage, differences are made in the receiving intervals of the heartbeat, so that the party that first reaches the '~~PENING~~ PENDING ACTIVE' state is transited to an active state and the party that reaches later is transited to the 'STANDBY' state, thereby maintaining a normal state.